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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: House Government Operations Subcommittee on
          Government Information, Justice & Agriculture
          FOIA Hearings

    1. Bob Gellman, Counsel, House Government
Operations Subcommittee on Government Information, Justice
& Agriculture, called this morning to say that the
Government Information Subcommittee has tentatively
blocked out 26 April for hearings on our FOIA Bill. This,
of course, is under the assumption that the Bill will be
reported out of the HPSCI pursuant to schedule, 11 April.
Gellman plans to invite only the ACLU and the CIA to
testify, but they may be willing to hear other witnesses
if others volunteer.

    2. Gellman and John Parisi, House Government
Operations Committee staff, want to come out either the
week of 16 or 23 April to inform themselves "on how the
process works." I asked him what he had in mind more
specifically, and he acknowledged he does not really know
what it is that he wants to know. I suggested then that
we walk him through the Bill and explain to him how our
file system is organized to accommodate this legislation.

    3. Tentative schedule, according to Gellman, calls
for mark-up shortly after the hearing, and full Committee
mark-up reporting the Bill out to the floor before the end
of May. I told him that that sounded very good to me. I
reminded him of our earlier conversation and asked him
whether he still intended to attach the Privacy Act
revision to our Bill, and he acknowledged that "present
plans still call for that." I further reminded him that
at our earlier meeting he had said that he would leave our
Bill in tact except for the Privacy Act amendment to which

he replied that he generally prefers not to tinker with
the Bill so as to avoid problems and that his intentions
are to leave the Bill in tact provided "there are no
problems."

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